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## EDITORIAL

Happy New Year to all our readers. We hope you enjoy this first edition of 2025. You can read about lots of interesting upcoming activities and events such as the series of health information meetings to be held in Shankill Health Centre, the varied activities organized by Shankill Library, Rathmichael Historical Society's local history lectures, Shankill Classical Music Club's meetings and so on. Citizens Advice provide valuable information about home security in this issue. SAGE has information about a local solar panels scheme. Shankill Scout Group is seeking new members aged 6-16 for all their Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. They are also looking for volunteers who are over 18 to help out in the group.

## LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

## AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

## BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

*St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill*

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

## SVP SHANKILL CONFERENCE

***Do you need our help?***
You can call us directly at 087-696 2785. Alternately, call **01 855 0022** or go online at ***www.svp.ie.***

## SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE'S MONTHLY BOOK SALE

The next book sale will be held on **Saturday, 1st February 2025 from 10am - 1p.m.** at the Seniors Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. If you miss it another one will take place on Saturday, March 8th. Donations of clean, good-quality books are welcome on the day and all sale proceeds support the Centre's programmes and services.

## SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

This season's meetings are on the **second Wednesday of each month**, so the next ones will be on Wed 12 February and Wed 12 March. Usual time and place: 7:45 p.m. in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan at 087 210 9175.

## SHANKILL HEALTH CENTRE

Following on from our Community Day in September 2024, Shankill Health Centre is hosting Monthly Patient Information Sessions in 2025. We are starting the first session in February and we hope to give a monthly update in SCAN as we proceed through the months.

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| 4th February | What Services are we Entitled to - An Overview of Health Services |
| 4th March | Jog your Memory - as we get Older |
| 1st April | Positive Aging - It is not all bad |
| 6th May | Mental Health in Younger Adults - Supports |
| 3rd June | Support for Carers |
| 1st July | Preplanning - Decision Making When We Get Older |

**Venue:** Shankill Health Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, D18 DW08

**Time:** 12:30 to 13:30

## BUSCONNECTS

Phase 6a of the BusConnects Network Redesign: E-Spine was launched on 26 January 2025. The E1 is now the only bus going directly through Shankill apart from the 45a which will still operate as normal between Bray and Dun Laoghaire for the time being. The E1 operates from Ballywaltrim via Bray and the city centre to DCU terminating at Northwood, Santry). It runs along the same route as the 145 (which it replaces) until it gets to the city centre. It has a 24 hour service and improved frequency among other benefits. The 155, 84, 84a, 84X as well as the 46a, 46e, 63, 63a buses have now ceased operations. In addition to the E1, the E2 bus is now operating from Harristown, DCU and city centre to Dun Laoghaire. From the city centre it follows the same route as the EI until it branches off at Foxrock church towards Dun Laoghaire. It is possible to switch to a number of existing and new local services at various interchanges along the EI and E2 routes. Switching buses will enable passengers to travel to destinations previously catered for by some of the old routes. Undoubtedly it will take some time for people to get used to all the changes. The Transport for Ireland (TFI) website has detailed information about the new routes, fares, frequency and so on.

***https://www.transportforireland.ie/getting-around/by-bus/phase-6a-e-spine/***

There's also an information booklet on the website which can printed out.

# HOME SECURITY (Part One)

When it comes to preventing burglary, it's important to pay attention to the security of the outside of your house as well as the inside. Burglary is an opportunistic crime, so if your home looks unoccupied and insecure, it's far more likely to be targeted. One of the best ways to understand your home's existing security level is to view it as a burglar would. Have a good look around to see which areas are easiest to access and think about how you can improve them. Keeping the outside of your home secure can be easily done; it takes just a little time and effort. To get you started, here are some top tips:

**Windows** - be sure to close them properly and if possible, lock them when you are going out or away.

**Hall doors / Porch doors** - keep them closed at all times and locked when you are going out or away.

**Security lighting** - it is a good idea to fit security lighting to the front and back of your property if you can. This can either be dusk-to-dawn lighting which turns on and stays on in the dark, or motion sensor light that comes on once it detects movement.

**Garden maintenance** - Keep an eye on your garden and make sure the greenery around your home is maintained so you get maximum visibility to and from your home. Cut back tree limbs and branches to prevent thieves from climbing in through windows, and remember to lock away any garden tools and ladders because leaving this equipment on view may encourage a burglar to use it. A barrier of prickly hedge along your boundary or underneath a window will help deter thieves. Hedges and shrubs in the front garden should be kept to a height of no more than 3 feet in order to avoid giving a burglar a screen behind which he can conceal himself.

**Gates and fences** - If you have garden gates, keep these secure. Keep them closed and locked when possible. Choose strong, lockable and high gates across passageways to stop thieves getting to the back of your home. And by fitting trellis to the top of garden fences, you're making it more difficult for potential thieves to climb over. Keep garden fences in good condition.

**Garages and sheds** - The security of outbuildings is often ignored, despite the fact they not only contain valuable equipment, but also tools that can be used to break into your home. ***Never*** leave garages and sheds unlocked. Make sure doors are strong and very secure, particularly if the garage has an adjoining door into your home. Also, where possible: Chain items such as bikes and lawnmowers to each other or a strong anchor point; Mark expensive property, such as gardening equipment or power tools, to make it less attractive to burglars; Mark your property clearly to allow stolen goods to be easily identified if necessary; Make sure your household insurance covers your shed and garage contents.

***The best deterrent of all*** - Finally, we'd recommend that your home is secured by a monitored alarm and make sure the alarm box is fitted in a visible place OR keep a dog - this is an excellent deterrent.

**Home Security**

- Whether at home or going out, turn on some lights, use timer switches
- Lock all doors and windows, almost 1 in 4 Summer time burglaries involve entry through an unsecured access point
- Use your house alarm
- Store keys safely; away from windows and letterboxes
- Record details of valuables and don't keep large cash amounts at home

Citizens Information

**Home security and Burglary Prevention Advice** - Check out the Garda's popular ***'Lock Up Light Up'*** anti-burglary campaign on-line. It encourages homeowners to protect their property during winter, when residential burglaries traditionally rise.

**Signs of vacancy** - The majority of burglaries take place in unoccupied homes. The following are some of the things a burglar looks for:

- No lights on at night, or just 'dead' lights on (porch, hall)
- Lights on constantly during the day
- Blinds pulled down, or curtains across during the day
- A build-up of papers and/or flyers in the letter box
- A build-up of letters in the hall or porch visible from outside
- A build-up of milk on the door-step
- Front gates closed and no car in the driveway
- Notes left for delivery men or callers
- Uncut lawn and untidy garden

**Alarms** - It is widely accepted that intruder alarms are an effective deterrent against burglars, thereby helping to reduce the likelihood of your home being targeted. However, it is important to understand that an intruder alarm is not a replacement for good physical security. It should, rather, be regarded as a back-up to good physical and other security measures and precautions employed to protect your home. All installed alarms should comply with the European Standard EN 50131. All alarm installers and installation companies must now be licensed by the Private Security Authority. A list of all licensed installers is available on their website. It is important to understand how your alarm system operates. Your installer should explain the operation of the system to you and all other members of your family. Insist on a training session to demonstrate its features. Do not write alarm codes etc. on the instruction manual or on walls or doors near the control unit or keypad.

*(Source: www.citizensinformation.ie)*

*The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. OR Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.*

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Contact Ms. Suzanne Hand at **suzanne.hand@woodbrookcollege.ie** for more information on how we can help today!

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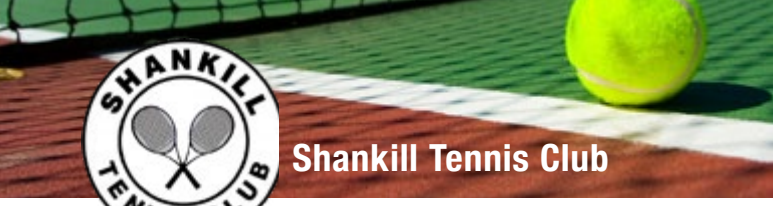

# Shankill Tennis Club

We hope you have all had a very Merry Christmas and a great start to the new year. Things have been busy in Shankill tennis club.The year closed off with many successes.

*Kids U14's and U18's Team's DLTC League*

A huge congratulations to our Under 18 Girls Class 1 team, who triumphed in the DLTC League this year! Their dedication, teamwork, and relentless spirit were on full display throughout the competition, and their success is a testament to their talent and the exceptional coaching they've received. Our Under 14 Boys Class 2 team also shone brightly in the DLTC League, clinching the title with a performance that impressed both coaches and supporters alike. Their youthful energy, combined with skill and determination, set them apart in a highly competitive league. The team's victory is a proud moment for the club, welldone to all the players.

We are also thrilled to announce that Vinny, one of our visually impaired tennis players, has won the UK National VI (Visually Impaired) Championships! This is an incredible achievement that highlights not only his talent but also his resilience and dedication to the sport. Vinny has been an inspiration to our club, we couldn't be prouder of him for this outstanding accomplishment.

*Vinny Keane VI Championships*

*Cathal O'hAodha, Sudi Rao, Luan Gristina Cos, Norris Power DLTC League*

Well done to all the floodlight teams who competed this year, especially to our Men's Class 6 team who also finished off the year with a great win. They faced some harsh weather conditions but persevered through and came out on top. Good luck to the team next year as it is prooted to class 5.

The National Indoor tennis Tournament was another great success. Players from across the country made their way to our club to compete at the highest level. This event included some top-tier tennis. Thank you very much to everyone who helped organise the event, there has been nothing but good things said about the weekend.

*Donagh O'hAodha National Indoor Championships*

Shankill Tennis Club is always looking for new members you can sign up online or in the office at any point. Come get a feel for the club at our Wednesday evening social event, on every Wednesday from 8pm to 10pm. It is open to members and non members. No need to sign up just come on down and try it out.


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**Adult Club**

We have very active Adult Men's Football team and an Adult Ladies Football team both who have achieved considerable success to date. Also, there is our Mothers&Others group who is going from strength to strength. New players or coaches are always welcome to these teams.

**Academy**

Our juvenile Academy caters for both boys and girls from 4 years to 6 years. Children born in 2019 and 2020 are currently being introduced to Gaelic games. The Academy is on Saturday from 10.00am to 11.00am in Stonebridge Road. Qualified coaches are always in attendance, all equipment is supplied free of charge. The first four weeks are free as children get to know each other, learn new skills, and enjoy all the fun and games in safe environment.

**Christmas Trees**

Many thanks to everyone who purchased Christmas trees and who also had us collect trees for recycling after the festive season. Not forgetting the club members who sold all the trees and also the team who collected the trees for recycling. A special thank you to Santa who paid a visit to the best Academy in the world with a present for each boy and girl. Well done everyone and of course Santa.

**Juvenile Club**

The club fields teams in Football, Hurling and Camogie for boys and girls from 7 years right up to the Minor grade. New players are always welcome. If you would like your children to be part of Shankill's community club, just give us a call.

**Bray Women's Refuge**

We would like to thank everyone who dropped donations to our pitch in Stonebridge Road and to St Anne's Church. Thanks to James and Wayne, Shankill Financial Service for their contribution and to Phil, Leanne and Leah who arrived with a car full to bursting of goods. Once again, the Shankill community was not to be found wanting. C'mon the Village.

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***Before investing, you should decide:***

- What you want to achieve with your investment.
- What levels of investment risk you're comfortable with.
- How long you're happy to invest your money for.

There are many different types of funds you can invest in, and so deciding what you want to achieve with your investment is important because it will help you make decisions about where to put your money.

It is a good idea to complete a risk profile questionnaire online. Many of the investment providers in Ireland have these questionnaires available on their websites e.g. Zurich, Aviva, New Ireland. When you complete a risk profile questionnaire, you will be categorised into one of seven risk profiles. You'll then be able to choose investments that match your risk profile, with the help of a financial broker or advisor.

***Lower risk and reward investors***

1) Very low risk investors: unwilling to accept any significant risks, accepting the prospect of low returns to achieve this.
2) Low risk investors: likely to accept limited risks and want to try to avoid large fluctuations in the investment value, accepting the prospect of modest returns to achieve this.
3) Low to medium risk investors: likely to accept some risk in return for the potential of higher investment gains over the long-term. Try to avoid large fluctuations in the investment value, but accept there will be some fluctuation, particularly over the short-term.

***Medium risk and reward investors***

4) Medium risk investors: likely to accept more significant risk in return for the potential of good investment gains over the long-term. Accept significant fluctuations in the investment value, particularly over the short-term, but want to limit the amount of money held in more risky investments.

***High risk and reward investors***

5) Medium to high risk investor: likely to understand that the investment can go down and up sharply with the potential for greater returns over the long-term.
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If you, or your child, love camping, hiking and the outdoors as much as we do and would like to join, please contact the Group Leader at: eoghan52ndshankill@hotmail.com.

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Rugadh agus tógadh m'athair in Iarthar Cill Mhantáin. Múinteóirí ba ea a thuismitheoirí, an t-athair ina phríomhoide agus an mháthair ina cúntóir i scoil an tsráidbhaile.

Bhí clann an-mhór acu, deichniúr páistí ar fad. Bhí mo sheanmháthair

an-ghnóthach agus mar sin, bhíodh cailíní aimsire aici agus cailín eile chun aire a thabhairt do na páistí.

Blianta ó shin, bhuail mé le bean ón tsráidbhaile, agus nuair a chuala sí m'ainm dúirt sí, "Ó, tá scéal agam duit. Rud a thárla nuair a bhí mé an-óg ar fad. Bhí mé dhá bhliain déag d'aois ag an am. Fuair mé obair ag tabhairt aire don leanbh a'b óige sa chlann. Bhíomar, mé féin agus an páiste beag, amuigh ag dul suas síos an tsráid leis an bpram.

Thóg mé an leanbh amach as an bpram agus isteach liom féin ann. Bhuel shuigh mé ansin cosúil le bádóir i mbád, an scuab mar mhaide rámha agam, mise ag rámhaíocht, an páiste beag ag cabhrú liom agus muid ag iarraidh an pram a bhrú ar aghaidh. Bhí spórt agus scléip againn go dtí gur tháinig an mháistreás orm. Thug sí bata agus bóthar dom láithreach! Ó, bhí mé i dtrioblóid. Chuaigh mé suas go dtí an teach mór sa sráidbhaile agus d'fhiafraigh mé de bhean an tí, an mbeadh aon obair aici dom.

"Tá obair agam duit ag glanadh an tí ó Luan go Satharn. Gheobhaidh tú sé phingin ach caithfidh tú aprún a fháil. Sin trí phingin."

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*Thank you to all Shankill residents for your support in the recent elections, for taking the time to speak with me on the doors, for sharing your concerns with me and for your kindness. I will continue to work hard for you in Shankill.*

*Best wishes,*

*Jennifer*


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FINE GAEL

# Local History Society Lectures

*by James Scannell*

**Killiney Historical Society**
Peadar Curran will present ***'A Visit to Dalkey Island'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday February 4th in the Druid's Chair Pub upstairs lounge, Killiney Hill Road, Rocheshill, Killiney, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5. The Society's journal will be on sale at this meeting.

**Mount Merrion Historical Society**
Dr. Derville Murphy will present ***'Finding Margaret Allen'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday February 6th in the Fitzwilliam Rooms, Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for non-members and €2 for students. The car park is 24hour Pay and Display.

**Military History Society of Ireland**
Comdt. Daniel Ayiotis will present ***'The National Army Cavalry Regiment Mutiny 1922'*** at 8 p.m. on Friday February 7th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome

**The Old Dublin Society**
Peadar Curran will present ***'Evie Hone: Stained Glass Artist of Marlay'*** on Wednesday February 12th, and Brian Hughes ***'Dublin: The Irish Revolution 1912-1923'*** on Wednesday February 26th. Both take place at 6 p.m. in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome - admission is free.

**The Eblana Club**
Dr. Colum Kenny will present ***'Arthur Griffith – an advanced nationalist, not a conservative'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday February 13th in , The Eblana Lodge, 3 Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is by voluntary donation.

**Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society**
Frank Tracey will present ***'Public Art in Ireland'*** on Thursday February 13th at 8 p.m. in St. Lawrence's Parish Centre, Lower Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Members are free – visitors €3. Please note that there is a car parking charge of €1 per hour at this venue – coin payment only.

**Foxrock Local History Club**
Martin McCarthy will give the short talk ***'The Lindsay family and their connection with Deansgrange'*** and Lindie Naughton the long talk on ***'Herbert Simms - An Architect for the People Escape from Crumlin Road, Ireland's Alcatraz'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday February 18th. All are welcome - admission is €5.

**Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society**
Frank Delaney will recall ***'Dunleary before the Royal Harbour'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday February 19th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5. Copies of the Society's journal will be on sale at this meeting

**Bray Cualann Historical Society**
Isolda Moylan will recall ***'William J. Moylan, a filmmaker in India, Pakistan and Ireland'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday February 20th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

**Wicklow Historical Society**
John Goodman will present ***'Wicklow Men and Women in World War 2'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday February 25th in the De La Salle Parish Centre, Wicklow Town. All are welcome - donation appreciated.

**The Irish Railway Record Society**
Colm O'Callaghan will present ***'A random glance at the 1990s, a decade of Change'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday February 27th in the Society's Dublin 8 Hueston Station premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

## *Shankill – Looking Back*

**Shots fired at the Shanganagh Hotel**
Just after midnight on Friday February 5th 1926 two revolver shots were fired through the doors of the Shanganagh Hotel while a party being held by Mrs. Byrne, the proprietor, was in progress inside, one of which grazed the clothing of one of the bar assistants. The local members of An Garda Síochána were quickly on the scene but by then the perpetrators had made their escape. No motive could be uncovered through it was suspected that some 'young bloods' having come into possession of a revolver were the culprits though no-one was ever charged with the shooting.

## *Publications*

***'Dublin Historical Record 2024'***, Editor Thomas Burke, published by the Old Dublin Society, the local history society for Dublin City and County.

Articles featured in this issue include – 'From the Editor', 'The Old Dublin Society 1934-2024, 90 Years of Historical Study', 'Senator John O'Neill, Cycle Manufacturer and Motor Assembler' and '*The* Earthquake of 1852' by Thomas Burke, 'Laura Stephens (1875-1958): A life of many parts' by John Lucey, 'Glasnevin Village and its Fingal Setting: A Glimpse of the Place and its 'Lower Sort' over the Centuries' by Proinsias de Rossa, 'Industrious Poor and Strolling Vagabonds: Attitudes and Responses to Poverty in 18th Century Dublin' by Francis Thackaberry, 'John (Fiott) Lee's Visits to Dublin, 1806 and 1807' by Angela Byrne, 'The Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick' by Albert Fenton, 'Dublin's Fruit and Vegetable Market, Associated Staff and Personalities' by John Conroy, 'Steering the Vessel Safely Home: The Irish Free State Pilots' Association, 1935-1962' by Francis Devine, 'The Coming of the Railway to Inchicore' by Liam O'Meara, 'Some Notes on Adderig' by Brian McCabe, 'A 1918 Police Shooting of a Burglar in Shankill' and 'A Forgotten Proposed Railway to Sandymount' by James Scannell, and 'Sir John Rogerson's Quay' (SJRQ) – Transition from industrial to residual, 1960-1980' by Sean Magee.

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# *Rathmichael Historical Society*

*by Richard Ryan*

We wish all our readers a happy New Year and hope you enjoyed the Christmas period.

We have started the 2025 lecture series on 8th January with a talk on the James Joyce Museum in Sandycove by its former curator, Robert Nicholson. Robert presented a fascinating history of the Martello Tower from its construction in 1804 to its sale to Oliver St.John Gogarty in 1910 and onwards through its various iterations as a James Joyce Museum. His own contribution to its development as a professionally-curated museum since his appointment as curator in 1978 until his recent retirement has been immense and we all owe him a deep debt of gratitude.

The next three events will be as follows:

- **5th February:** AGM followed by talk to be arranged
- **5th March:** Irish Colleges on the Continent by Thomas O'Connor.
- **2nd April:** Earley Studies in Stained Glass by Michael Earley.

All talks will be at 8pm in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. They will also be viewable by Zoom. Members attend free. Non-members pay €5.

Now is the time for members to renew their subscriptions - Individuals €25, Families €30, Students €5. This can be done online, by post or in person at the lectures.

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In addition to our continuous work, we're delighted to be part of the Tesco Blue Token Community Fund initiative across four Tesco stores: Cabinteely, Ballybrack, Cherrywood, and Shankill. This program offers shoppers the chance to support local organizations like ours by voting with their blue tokens at checkout. Your support helps us fund essential equipment, training, and install Public Access Defibrillators.

We are deeply grateful for the continued backing of our community, and we look forward to another year of making a difference. Together, we can save lives and create a safer environment for everyone. Thank you for your ongoing support, and don't forget to register for the "Hands for Life" course and drop your blue tokens for us at Tesco!

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Falls/Back Injuries – 51
Traumatic Injuries/Sick Person – 50
Stroke - 37
Cardiac/Respiratorytory Arrest - 17

# Shankill Classical Music Club

With two months to report on, we can only skim the surface of two very different presentations. What they had in common was the very large number of pieces played – most quite short – and the range in styles and periods covered.

In December, Sean Kelly Conroy, in his first-ever presentation at the club, gave us a treat that we haven't had for some time: the music was presented entirely on video, on a good-sized screen.

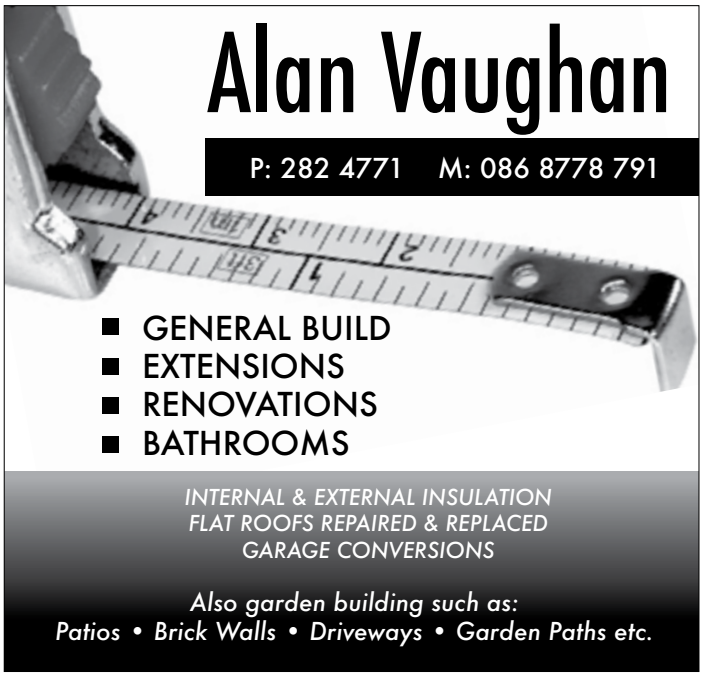
Sean included many less familiar composers, and lesser-known pieces by the usual suspects. So we had renaissance instrumental from the Italian Falconieri and the German Praetorius, early classical from one of the Stamitz family, sonatas by Italian/Spanish Scarlatti and Soler (both of these in arrangements for small groups rather than the original harpsichord), solo violin by the Belgian Ysaye, a movement from Nielsen's flute concerto, an orchestral piece by the French 20th c composer Germaine Tailleferre. And lots more, all performed by a range of performers - soloists, choirs, orchestras - from Chicago through Europe to Kazakhstan to Sydney.

All the videos were recent. The earliest, from 2012, was one of the most unusual – a video that has since gone viral, and spawned many imitations – a flash mob performance in a square in Sabadell, Spain of a version of the big tune from the finale of Beethoven's ninth symphony, the Ode To Joy. A single double-bass player, in full concert dress, starts to play the tune, apparently on a whim. A small child wanders up and sits down in front of him. Passers-by look on idly. A cellist emerges from a building and joins in. More heads turn. Gradually a full orchestra assembles, dressed in casual rehearsal gear, as the famous melody swells and the onlookers perch toddlers on shoulders, bounce in rhythm, or point their camera-phones. The performance ends after a few repetitions, a few coins get thrown in the hat, the musicians and audience disperse, as matter-of-factly as they arrived. And the world carries on.

Adèle Trapnell's choice in January was a fascinating sequence alternating choral and orchestral pieces, the latter mainly being opera overtures. The choir styles ranged from large forces, as in the raucous O Fortuna movement from Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, with full orchestra backing, to the intimate style of the 4 or 5-member unaccompanied King's Singers. The latter gave us both straight classical (an arrangement of a Schubert song) and slinky modern (a Billy Joel version of Goodnight my Angel, to end the evening). Anthems also: Finlandia in an a capella version by a Finnish choir, and the unofficial anthem of South Africa Nkosi Sikeli i Africa from a 2003 concert in Monkstown by the Dublin Welsh Male Voice choir. Hildegarde of Bingen (12th c), Monteverdi, Percy Grainger, and the boys' choir at the centre of the 2004 French film Les choristes (The Chorus) added to the variety.

Opera overtures included a typically sizzling Rossini (The Silken Ladder), the achingly beautiful but ominous prelude to Act 1 of Verdi's La Traviata, a couple from the Viennese light opera repertoire, by Johann Strauss Jr and Franz von Suppé, one from Mozart's rival Salieri, and a Russian example, Glinka's Ruslan and Ludmila. Perhaps the least familiar was a curious piece by the 19th century Czech Bedrich Smetana, for a puppet-opera version of Faust, in which a small band (strings, drums, a couple of brass, piano!) launches into an enigmatically rhythmic brassy opening, giving way to a sketchy fugue for strings, and then a cheerful polka, interrupted again by the brass. Always something new to hear at SCMC!

*This season's meetings are on **the second Wednesday of each month**, so the next ones will be on Wed 12 February and Wed 12 March. Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).*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We are judged not just on what ***Shankill TidyTowns*** does but rather on what we achieve as a ***Community***.
So even if you cannot help out with our scheduled work teams (every Saturday and Tuesday morning), if you act independently, or with your local community, or with a special interest group such as SAGE, please let us know what you and others are doing to make Shankill a better place by emailing ***shankillmatters@gmail.com***

### Christmas in the Village

*Shankill Tidy Towns were delighted to celebrate their successes in 2024 with the Shankill Community on Saturday 30th November 2024.*

## STT Volunteers Celebrate 2024

In November, Shankill TidyTowns volunteers celebrated the year's achievements with a small gathering in Brady's at which our recent gold medals were displayed, as was the award that Shankill won in the IPB Pride of Place 2024

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Of all the many tasks undertaken by **Shankill Tidy Towns** volunteers, we are probably thanked more for sweeping up Autumn leaves, We know more leaves will fall and the wind may blow them away, but when wet on the footpaths, leaves are a major slip hazard. Hopefully, we prevent some nasty falls.

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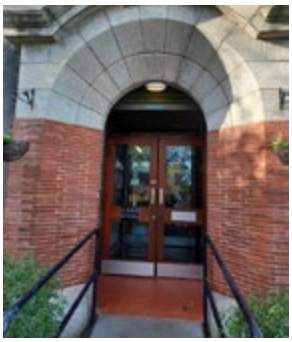

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**JUNIOR BOOK CLUB**
The Junior Book Club resumes on the ***25 February*** (the last Tuesday of every month) from 3:15pm - 4pm. Suitable for children from 9 - 12 years of age. Copies of selected book will be available in the library. To book, email: ***shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie***. or Tel: 01 2823081.

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**COP 29 - 2024 UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE**
COP29 brought bitter disappointment to those countries suffering ever increasing damage from climate change. They needed $1300 billion as a fund to limit further damage but eventually only $300 billion was agreed. The tragedy is that, since we are all in this crisis together, we in the 'developed' world are doing ourselves no favours by refusing to face up to what is happening.

This fact was made clear with brutal efficiency by hurricane Helene in September 2024 which destroyed a number of towns, such as Chimney Rock in the Appalachians which only ten years before had been advertised as THE place to move to for safety from hurricanes because it was 450 miles inland.

The host of the COP29 was Azerbaijan, a fossil fuel producing country which is determined that oil and gas use should not be curtailed in any way. Here in Ireland we will suffer increasingly from storms and floods and almost certainly by the end of the century (less than one lifetime), the loss of the Gulf Stream. So far our politicians and farming organisations are completely ignoring this very major threat.

**REPAIR OF MARINE HABITATS**
Professor Koldewey who works in the Philippines is one of a number of scientists really making a difference. Her original focus was on the biology and life of seahorses. Seahorses are not adapted to cope with modern bottom trawling because they are poor swimmers and they live by camouflage and hanging out on seagrass from where they grab passing shrimps. Not a good strategy when the trawlers come through and plough everything up. So what Professor Koldewey has done is to develop an industry based on growing seaweed which is then harvested and widely used in the food and cosmetics industries. It also gives a safe habitat for the huge biodiversity of the region, including the seahorses!.

Along with this she has developed a business through which she buys up fishing nets that are coming to the end of their lives before they are dumped, and sells them on to carpet makers and other recycling businesses. Discarded and broken fishing nets are one of the worst sources of plastic pollution because they continue for many years to trap sea creatures of all sorts as they drift through the oceans.

As many will know bottom trawling is probably the most damaging of all forms of fishing. A group in Bournemouth, UK, is making concrete cubes and placing them in areas where there is/has been bottom trawling. Their divers find that very quickly these blocks become home to a whole range of fish and other sea creatures and seaweed. In other words, the biodiversity which had been destroyed very quickly reestablishes itself.

They are now offering the same service to rehabilitate sea floors that have been disturbed during the laying of the cables needed by wind farms. With proper treatment of the sites, wind farms will probably turn into one of the major routes by which damaged marine habitats can be repaired because they become a no-go area for industrial fishing and in many places will become a protected nursery for fish.

**DATA CENTRES**
It is becoming increasingly clear that Data Centres are expanding at a rate which is incompatible with reality. They are increasing in numbers and demand at rates such that all new renewable generation is committed to powering them; a situation which suits the renewable companies because they have a guaranteed market for years to come. The consequence is that Ireland is completely failing to reduce its national carbon footprint. Another startling fact is that every 100 words generated by AI requires three litres of clean water for cooling. Forty years ago I was told that the stretch from Drogheda to Wexford was already using all the water available for industrial use. Our government, along with most others, is not facing up to the future realities.

**THE FUTURE**
The result of the last election was not a surprise but certainly a shock. We know from experience that junior coalition partners are often seriously damaged at elections and need some time to recuperate. The most curious point is that before the election the media took a bland approach to Climate Change suggesting that many of the social problems that we faced were due to Green policies. After the election they praised the Greens as the only party who had managed to implement most of their policies, saying that they would be missed in the next Dail because we need a strong presence to ensure we meet our climate goals.

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# School News in scan

## Rathmichael National School

After the excitement of the Christmas Holidays and a frosty start to the New Year, the children are settling back into school life.

Some of the highlights of the latter end of last term included Science Week in November – the children really enjoyed the science experiments – thank you to all of the staff for making the week so memorable for them and for bringing science to life.

Our school entrance doors looked very festive thanks to the wonderful artwork of one of our parents, Laura.

On 6th December, our Junior and Senior Infants gave two wonderful performances of their Nativity Play (one for the school and one for parents). A huge amount of work went into this and my thanks goes to the teachers and SNAs for all their work in preparing the children and in putting on the production. On 12th December, 1st and 2nd Classes went to see "Jack and the Beanstalk" in the dlr Mill Theatre and really enjoyed the performance.

The children in 4th and 5th Classes took part in an amazing Carol Service with St. Anne's NS and Scoil Mhuire, held in St. Anne's Church on the evening of 17th December. It was wonderful to see children from the three schools singing together. We are very proud of the children.

On 12th December, we held our annual Art and Wine Evening for parents – thanks to everyone who attended. The children's Winter artwork looked amazing – they made a great effort with it. Thank you to the PTA for making it such an enjoyable evening.

This year, on 19th December, for the first time in a couple of years, we held our Christmas end of term service in Rathmichael Church. Thank you to our Music teacher, Naomi, to Rev Sean, the teachers and the pupils for all their hard work which made the service such a special occasion. Thanks in particular to our soloists and readers and also to all the parents who attended.

Congratulations to Julia for her amazing Recycled Christmas Decoration which was chosen as the school entry to the DLR sponsored competition. Julia attended the awards ceremony as our School Champion. Well done to everyone in 4th Class for their incredible decorations.

The last day of term also saw all the children wearing Christmas Jumpers and bright colours to raise funds for the Children's Health Foundation and the money is still coming in. 6th Class produced an Active Trail for the other classes to follow and the children all enjoyed this. The PTA provided popcorn and hot chocolate so it was a fun filled, exciting day.

In December we learnt that we had successfully achieved our Active Flag. Thanks to all our staff and pupils for their efforts to help us gain our Active Flag. Particular thanks to Mrs Bourne for heading this up.

Well done to the Handball Teams in 3rd to 6th Classes on their excellent performances in the Dublin Championship qualifying tournament, played on 15th December. The 5th Class Boys' team has made it through to the Dublin Championship in the National Indoor Arena. Thanks to Eoin Greaves for all his hard work in introducing the children to Olympic Handball (and indeed to Basketball). The children are really enjoying the sessions.

We look forward to more events and activities in this Spring term.

**Naomi Rousseau** *(Principal)*

# *Update from...*

## Cormac Devlin TD

It is wonderful to see the stretch in the evenings as spring approaches and we put the winter behind us.

This is the first edition of SCAN since the election results were known and I want to thank everyone who voted for me. Right across Shankill, Rathmichael and Woodbrook tallies showed very strong levels of support and I am very grateful. I am looking forward to working for everyone in Shankill in the 34th Dáil.

The priority now is getting down to business and dealing with the issues highlighted during the election and I am looking forward to working with colleagues in government to deliver these improvements.

**Budget 2025 Cost of Living Improvements**

The changes introduced in Budget 2025 to help with the continued cost-of-living challenges came into effect on 1st January. They include increases to tax bands and social protection payments, extra support for carers, and of course energy credits to help with the cost of electricity. If you need clarification about any measure please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Locally, we have seen the passage of the Council budget for 2025. The Fianna Fáil councillors and the governing group secured the full 15% reduction in the Local Property Tax and also an increase in the budget for important services.

**Community Insurance initiative for Tidy Towns**

Welcome news for Tidy Towns groups. The government recently launched a Community Insurance initiative which allows Local Authorities to obtain insurance for Tidy Towns through a partnership between Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Insurance and local authorities.

This initiative allows local authorities to offer insurance coverage to Tidy Town groups at no cost, thereby ensuring that this vital work can continue, bringing benefits to the community, and indeed the country, as a whole.

**Support for Local Musicians**

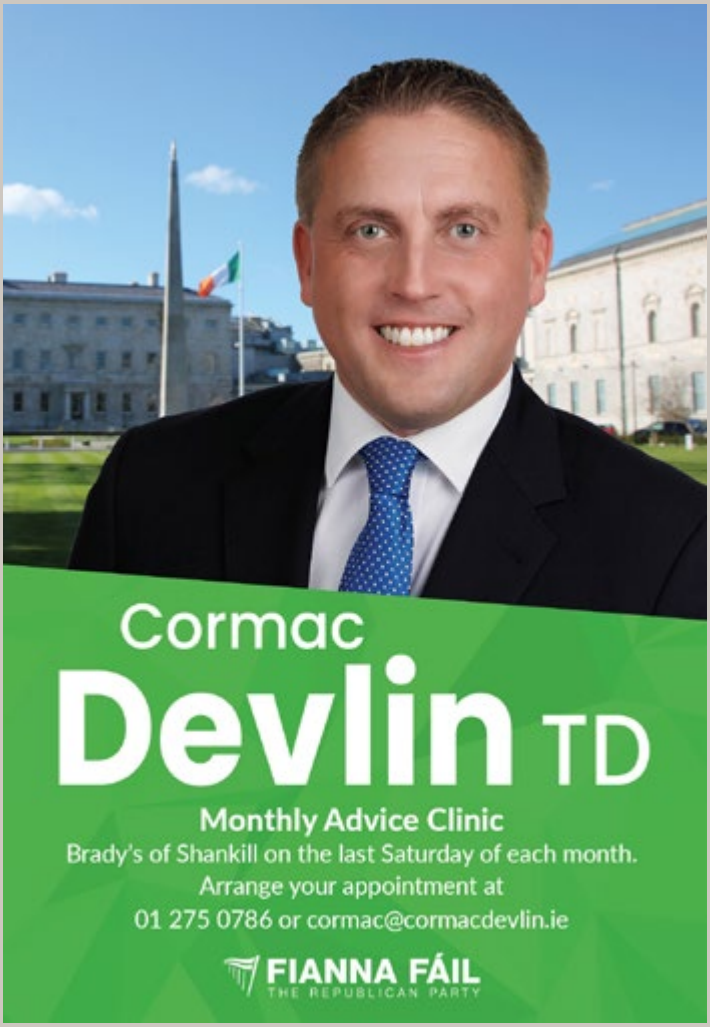
Applications for the dlr Musicians-in-Residence Scheme 2025 will remain open until 2pm on Friday 21st February. Two residencies are available to musicians working in any genre of music. One residency is specifically for emerging musicians, and one is for established musicians.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate a strong connection to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The established musician's residency has maximum funding award of €12,000, and there is an award of up to €7,500 to support the work of an emerging musician or group. More details are available at dlrcoco.ie

*Cormac Devlin TD, Micheál Martin TD and Cllr Michael Clark visiting the Woodbrook College stand with Elodie O'Brien and her teacher Ms Shauna Smyth at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition in the RDS*

**Keeping in Touch**

My monthly Advice Clinic takes place in Brady's of Shankill on the last Saturday of each month, please give me a call on 01 275 0786 or email *cormac@cormacdevlin.ie* to arrange an appointment or if I can be of any assistance.



# School News in scan

## 2nd Class Christmas Performance

Second class delivered an outstanding performance of their Christmas play 'Lights, Camel, Action!'. There was superb singing, great comedy and funky dance moves! We commend the children for all their hard work and we are sure we have some future stars in our midst. A lovely and joyful way to end our first term

## St. Anne's Church

Local parent, Sarah Kenny, kindly offered to explain the history and significance of the lovely statues in St. Anne's Church to our 4th Class.

## Healthy Eating

Scoil Mhuire promotes healthy eating habits for life. Mr. Quane's 5th Class learned about the Food Pyramid Table and about the importance of treats only being consumed occasionally. They were very happy to bake and sample the fruits of their endeavours.

## Special Visitors to Scoil Mhuire

Scoil Mhuire welcomed a special guest just before the Christmas break! It was a lovely surprise to see this beautiful reindeer roaming our school halls. It is also rumoured he may have had to visit Mr Coleman's office but we were reassured by Santa that he remained on the nice list!

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER FUNDRAISER
Scoil Mhuire children raised over €400 for Shankill Day Care Centre.

## SOFA Shankill Day Care Centre

Registered Charity Number (RCN): 20012410

The Shankill Seniors Centre celebrated the holiday season in December with a series of joyful events, bringing together volunteers, local schools, and senior clients for a truly memorable month.

The festivities began with a special lunch on Thursday, 5th December, in honour of International Volunteers Day. The Centre welcomed its dedicated volunteers, who are the backbone of its meals on wheels service and day centre activities, to show appreciation for their hard work throughout the year. Local councillors and representatives from the DLR Volunteer Centre joined the celebrations, making the day even more special.

As the festive spirit grew, the Centre was invited to a delightful Christmas Carol Concert hosted at St Anne's Church. Choirs from Scoil Mhuire, St Anne's School, and Rathmichael School came together to perform a beautiful array of carols that filled the church with warmth and cheer. The children didn't stop there—soon after, they visited the Seniors Centre to sing for the clients. Their lively and heartfelt performance was enjoyed by all, creating lasting memories for everyone involved.

The Seniors Centre is deeply grateful to Scoil Mhuire for their generous donation of €415, raised during their Christmas Jumper Day. These funds will support the Centre's operations, including the essential Meals on Wheels service, ensuring ongoing care and support for the local community. A special Thanks to the principal Brian Coleman for collaborating with the centre and bringing us together.

The season continued with a delicious Christmas lunch at Brady's of Shankill, where the senior clients were treated to a wonderful meal and exceptional hospitality. A special thank you goes to John Brady and all the staff at Brady's for making the afternoon so enjoyable. To cap off the celebrations, the Centre hosted its own Christmas Party, complete with a visit from Santa Claus, who brought treats and festive joy for everyone. The party was a fitting conclusion to a month filled with laughter, music, and community spirit.

The Shankill Seniors Centre would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported its activities throughout the festive season. Your kindness and generosity make a meaningful difference in the lives of our senior clients.

Looking ahead, the Centre's monthly book sale continues on Saturday, the 1st of February 2025 and on the first Saturday of every month after that. Donations of clean, good-quality books are always welcome, and all proceeds support the Centre's programmes and services. Here's to a wonderful year ahead and thank you to everyone who helps make the Centre so special.

*Shankill Seniors Centre urgently needs volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels service.*

*Please contact Mandy, the manager of the Centre, for further information.*

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## STEM Challenge

*by Tom Foley and Éabha Brennan*

Our school had a Christmas STEM challenge on 19 December. Each class worked on their own projects for some time beforehand. We are in Mr Higgins class and we made Santa rockets. We used straws, balloons, tape and strings. There were 5 groups in our class so there were 5 Santa rockets. We all attached them to different areas in the classroom. Some used coat hooks and some used the handle of the window. We would drop the Santa rockets from a height and they would zoom or spin around. It was lots of fun.

On the day, lots of classes came to see our projects. Afterwards, we went around to see some of the other projects. We have since spoken to some classes about what they made.

We spoke to the 6th class who used electricity making circuits. They all made different things. Some made snowmen, some made Santa's workshops and some made lights to see if you were naughty or nice. We also went to 2nd class who made sleighs from different materials. They tested clay, lego, plastic bricks, wood and tinfoil. The lolly pop sticks for wood were the best!

Finally we went to Junior Infants who made Christmas trees using lego, stickle bricks, toilet roll holders, clothes pegs and peg boards. Overall it was a big success. We look forward to doing it next year.

Thank you to Ms Dawson for all the planning. Here is a look at some of the amazing STEM projects.

## The Festive Writing Competition

*by Caroline Foley*

Last year I entered a competition at the Christmas annual Festival. I won the competition and I got a fifty euro book voucher and this Christmas my story No Glow was published in the Festival Annual. I was very surprised to win and glad I got the school's name published beside mine. Before the Christmas holidays, I read my story to our three junior infant classes, Ms Rigby's, Ms Black's and Mr McDonagh's. They were a great audience and I really appreciated the support and congratulations I received from everyone in the school. I strongly encourage entering the competition and writing a story, even if you don't think you'll win, you never know!

The Media Team, on behalf of the whole school, would like to congratulate Caroline on this amazing achievement. We are so proud of her but we are not surprised. Caroline has written amazing stories for us for SCAN. We know this is only the beginning and we look forward to reading more of her stories in the future.

## Student Committee Get Together

*by Aibhe Shannon*

On December 18th, all the Student committees got together. We all sat in a circle around the room and talked about some of the things the committees are doing at the moment. The Student Council said they were working on a pen pal project to write to other schools and we have recently just got our sixth class jumpers. Green schools are working on improving electricity use in our school. The Media Team has been writing about the things going around our school such as the council party and non-uniform day. While we were discussing all this we had hot chocolate, crisps and Christmas chocolate lollies. Then we all took a picture of everyone on the stage. All the committees are happy with what they have accomplished so far and can't wait to do more this year!

# Ask a Councillor

## Cllr. Carrie Smyth

**CASTLE FARM - POT HOLES**

I received numerous representations from residents of Castle Farm regarding the potholes within the estate. I contacted the Council on numerous occasions, most recently in December. I received the following update from the Road Maintenance Section:

*"Good afternoon Cllr. Smyth,*
*Further to your conversation with the Senior Executive Engineer on this matter, we can confirm that this area has been inspected and a number of defects have been identified. These areas will be patched by our own Road Maintenance crews in the coming days, but the areas in question will be included on a road patching tender to be issued in January 2025 for more permanent works.*
*If you have any further queries on this please don't hesitate to contact us.*

**Kind Regards, Senior Staff Officer**
**Roads Maintenance**

**ZEBRA/PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON CORBAWN LANE**

*To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install a zebra crossing or pedestrian crossing on the ramp on Corbawn Lane at the Corbawn Lane/Dublin Road/ Shanganagh Road Roundabout to ensure pedestrians can cross safely?*

***Reply:*** The location as set out in the Question is currently under review by the Council's Traffic Section with a view to installing a Zebra Crossing utilising the recently adopted Vienna Convention Signage.

**ZEBRA/PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ATHGOE/ BEECHFIELD, SHANKILL**

*To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install a zebra crossing or pedestrian crossing on the ramp at Athgoe/Beechfield to ensure pedestrians can cross safely at Athgoe/Beechfield?*

***Reply:*** The Council's Traffic Section will assess the existing ramp at the location given in the question to assess the suitability of installing a Zebra Crossing on the existing ramp.

**FLOOD LIGHTING PITCHES - STONEBRIDGE PARK**

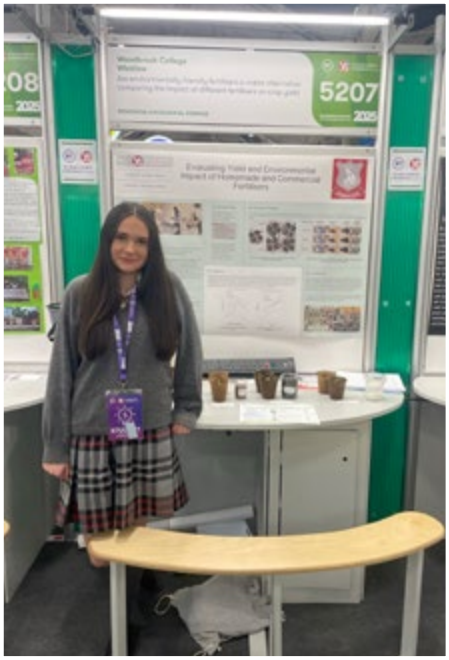
To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to install flood lighting on the pitches at Stonebridge Park, Shankill?

***Reply:*** There are currently no plans to install floodlighting on the pitches at Stonebridge Park, Shankill. If floodlighting is being considered in this area, it will be in Shanganagh Park.

## BT Young Scientist

Elodie O' Brien, a third-year student from Woodbrook College in Bray, competed in this year's BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition. She presented her project "Are environmentally friendly fertilisers a viable alternative: comparing the impact of different fertilisers on crop yield" in the RDS to three judges, local TDs, and members of the public. Her project compared different types of fertilisers, including a Japanese style of compost called "bokashi" to see which was the best for growing plants and, the impact they had on the environment. Her results showed that bokashi had the most positive impact on the environment. It was also the third most effective fertiliser behind homemade compost and a commercial chemical fertiliser.

Her work earned her a Display Award at the exhibition, the first for the school. Additionally, two local Tidy Towns committees have approached Elodie about using her research in their future initiatives. Elodie hopes to build on her research and compete in next year's exhibition.



# Ask a Councillor

## Cllr. Jim Gildea

**UPDATE ON BROADBAND SERVICES IN BLACKSPOT AREAS OF SHANKILL**

Following on from my item in December's SCAN I received the following communication from the Digital Strategy Officer at Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

*Dear Cllr. Gildea,*
*As I outlined at the Area Committee Meeting in December I'm in the process of gaining access to Ookla / Speedtest.net data which shows broadband access issues on a much more granular basis than previously available. I also committed at the meeting to working with you to highlight these issues to central government, the department and the National Broadband Rollout Team.*

*I'll be in touch again when I've gained access to the data outlined above.*

**CLONTRA**

I received the correspondence below from Minister Jennifer Carrol-MacNeill's office which she had received from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth on 10th Jan.

*Dear Minister,*

*Thank you for your email,*

*The Community Engagement Team can confirm that the International Protection Accommodation Service has received no offer of accommodation in respect of Clontra House, Quinn's Road, Shankill, Dublin 18, and is not examining this property for use.*

*As with all properties, in the event an offer is made in the future in respect of this site it may be assessed for use, however no offer or enquiry has been received on behalf of the owner at this time.*

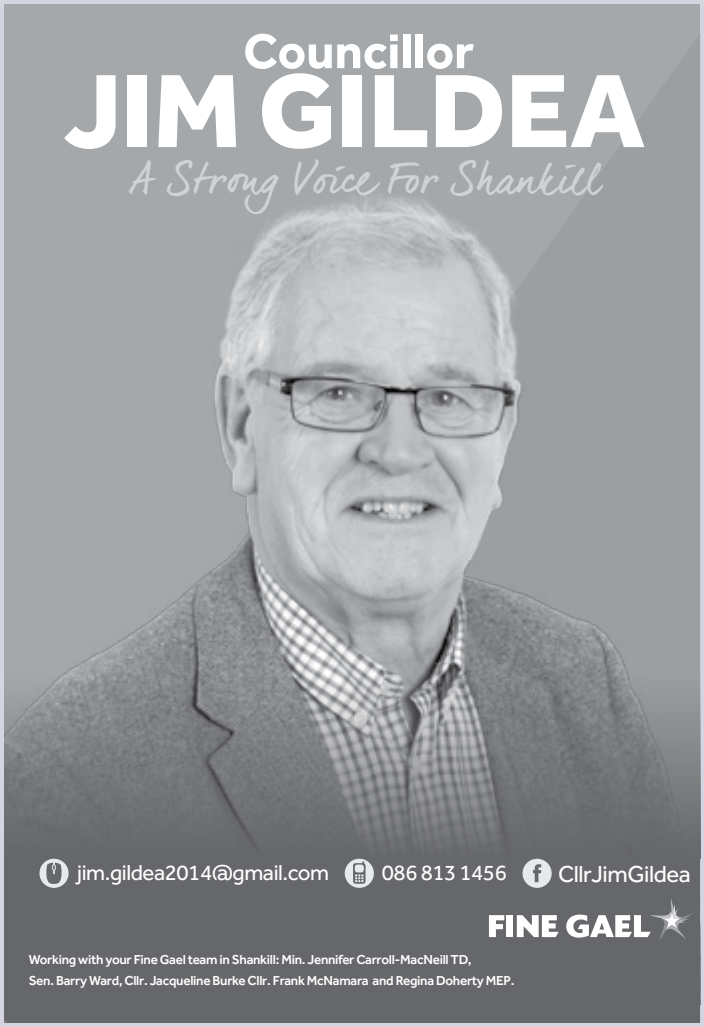
*Kind regards,*
*Community Engagement Team*
*An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige*
*Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth*

**SHANGANAGH CASTLE**

The following report was presented to the Area Committee meeting at the end of November.

***SHANGANAGH CASTLE - A PROTECTED STRUCTURE (RPS NO. 1845) & ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS (WITHIN CURTILAGE OF PROTECTED STRUCTURE)***

Shanganagh Castle is a complex of three main buildings which consists of the original castle, Building 'A', a Protected Structure, that dates back to the early 18th Century, Building 'B' which was built in the 1950s as part of a Church of Ireland education college and was subsequently refitted as a young offenders dormitory,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together with Building 'C' which was constructed as an associated sports and classroom for offenders in the building at the rear. This was built in the 1970s/80s for the Department of Justice when the building was used as an open prison. The Council took possession of the buildings and their curtilage as part of a Tripartite agreement.

The Council has been continuously active in addressing site and building issues since the take-over of the complex in August, 2021:

***BUILDING 'A':***
Protection works have addressed remaining exposed architectural features of the Castle Building from roof level downwards, including stained glass windows and the main house front doors. Internally, reinforcement of internal floors, stairwells and turret floors of the castle building for inspection purposes are now installed. It will be necessary for additional significant capital funding to be sourced for restoration of building to allow for future use.

***BUILDINGS 'B' & 'C'***
Initial assessments were carried out on Buildings 'B' and the exterior of Building 'C' in early, 2022. Clearance works of a significant amount of debris from unauthorized access and vandalism over a number of years was completed in early July, 2022.

Building 'C' is a single storey building consisting of a pre-cast concrete frame building. The total area of this building is 800 sq m. approximately. Significant remedial work is required to the roof of this building which will involve

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inspection for unforeseen weaknesses of the panels and patching where appropriate. A new covering over the roof should be provided with insulation to meet contemporary standards. Damaged roof lights and clerestory lighting in the sports hall also will have to be replaced.

Since 2021, Building 'C' has already been identified and included as part of the Parks Masterplan for development as a future sports hall/changing room structure.

Any proposed works to any of the buildings or their curtilage within the complex (which are all within proximity of a Protected Structure) are subject to the requirements of the Woodbrook/Shanganagh Local Area Plan and the County Development Plan 2022-2028.

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# PLANNING NOTICES

*compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea*

*We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.*

*D24A/0980 Seeking Permission Date: 10/12/2024*
**Ms. Clare Perry, 63 New Vale, Shankill, Co. Dublin**
Planning Permission sought for the construction of a detached two-storey dwelling house in the side garden. New vehicular access to the side, new pedestrian access to the front and all associated site works to side of existing dwelling house

*D24A/1006/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 18/12/2024*
**Brenda Quigley, 10, Rathmichael Road, D18AH76**
Permission sought for a dwelling house with an on-site wastewater treatment system, new entrance and driveway from Rathmichael Lane, and all ancillary works

*D24A/1031/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 20/12/2024*
**Catherine Buggy, Palo Alto, 13 Ballybride Manor, Rathmichael, D18 P2F6**
Permission sought for a) Alterations and extensions to existing detached dwelling comprising;
Single storey extension to rear at ground floor level, Internal layout changes, Elevational alterations to rear and sides at ground floor level, Modifications to balcony to rear at first floor level, 2 No. new dormer windows to rear of main roof.
b) Alterations and extensions to existing detached structure comprising garage/gym and family flat/apartment comprising; Single storey extension to rear providing extended areas to family flat/apartment and a new internal link between main house and detached structure, Internal layout changes to existing family flat/apartment at first floor level, Conversion of garage/gym to cinema room, Consequential elevational alterations.
c) Alterations to existing swimming pool and garden comprising; Removal of existing covered surround to existing swimming pool and demolition of existing single storey structure with associated facilities, Minor amendments to swimming pool, Single storey detached structure containing gym, changing, storage and associated plant, Covered external Kitchen/Dining/Seating area with connecting open colonnade to main house, Green house and small reflective pool feature, Hard and soft landscaping.

*D24A/1035/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 23/12/2024*
**Keith Cleary, 103A, Cherrywood Road, Shankill, D18H327**
Permission sought for repositioning of the existing vehicular entrance from the front side of the site to the centre and widening the vehicular entrance to 4.25 m along with all associated site works.

*D25A/0004/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 03/01/2025*
**John Maybury, The Poplars, Quinn's Road, Shankill, D18P6P0**
The proposed development comprises the following: Demolition of the existing 1 storey residential dwelling (c.435.9 sq.m) and removal of the existing boundary wall (c. 17 sq.m) along Quinn's Road. Construction of a 1-3 storey residential development comprising 25 no. units arranged in 2 no. terrace blocks on the site. The proposed units include 12 no. 3 bed townhouses, 8 no. 1 bed apartments, 4 no. 3 bed duplex apartments and 1 no. 2 bed townhouse. All apartment units and houses are provided with private open space in the form of balconies/ terraces and gardens. Provision of 2 no. site entrance points along Quinn's Road. A proposed pedestrian only entrance point is located at the current site access point for pedestrians/ vehicles, and a new vehicular/ pedestrian access point is provided at the southeastern boundary of the site from Quinn's Road. The development proposes c.616 sq.m of public open space and c. 85 sq.m of communal amenity open space as landscaped areas throughout the site. The proposal includes a biodiversity zone of c. 300 sq.m along the northern site boundary. The proposal includes 17 no. car parking spaces, 39 no. cycle parking spaces (27 no. private, 4 no. communal for duplex units, 2 no. cargo bike spaces for duplex units and 6 no. external visitor spaces), secure bin stores for all units, provision of an ESB kiosk, hard and soft landscaping and all other associated site works and provision of services above and below ground on an overall site area of c. 0.43ha (Net developable site area of 0.40ha excluding biodiversity zone).

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

*D24A/0812/WEB Grant Permission Decision Date: 02/12/2024*
**Matthew & Fiona Broderick, Site to front of Clova, Lordello Road, Shankill, D18H732**
Amendments to previously approved Planning Application Reg. Ref. D22A/0853 consisting of: the extension of the ground and first floor by 1m to the south-west, the extension of the single-storey living room structure by 1.5m, the relocation and expansion of the office structure; the omission of a roof dormer structure; the conversion of the roof structure to a traditional apex pitched roof; the modification of materials, window sizes and positions on elevations; and the addition of a chimney stack to the west corner of the dwelling.

*D24B/0156 Declare Application Withdrawn Decision Date: 02/12/2024*
**Lisa Kenny, Crinken Lodge, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18P7R9**
Extension to existing 3 bed single storey gate lodge to include single storey extension (12.35 sq.m) to East elevation to provide dressing room/walk-in wardrobe to bedroom number 1 and single storey extension (21.70 sq.m) to West elevation to provide kitchen/dining and internal alterations including the relocation of existing bedroom 2+3 and new window in the North elevation to relocated bedroom 3 with associated site development works.

*D24B/0279 Grant Permission Decision Date: 05/12/2024*
**Tracy Byrne, Melmore, Mullinastill Road, Rathmichael, Dublin 18**
Permission for the construction of a new single storey garden room, and all ancillary works.

*LRD24A/0382/WEB Grant Permission Decision Date: 11/12/2024*
**Aeval Unlimited Company, The townlands of Cork Little & Shanganagh, Shankill, Co. Dublin**
The proposed development referred to as Woodbrook Phase 2 and consists of 479no. dwellings in a mixture of terraced and semi-detached houses, duplexes and apartments and a Neighbourhood Centre, ranging in height from 1 – 7 storeys as follows: - 320no. apartment units and 30no. duplex units are accommodated in 9no. buildings 2 – 7 storeys in height. Significant new public realm at the Neighbourhood Centre including a diagonal pedestrian street between Blocks F & G aligned with St. James's Church (a Protected Structure) and an adjacent new pocket park or 'Village Green'; Provision of telecommunications infrastructure at roof level of Block P. A pedestrian / cyclist bridge in the northwest corner of the site to provide connection to Shanganagh Public Park. All within a development area of 7.62 Ha which forms part of a wider application site of 27.12 Ha.
The application may also be inspected online at the following website www.woodbrookphase2.com

*D24A/0872/WEB Refuse Permission Decision Date: 20/12/2024*
**Eileen O'Sullivan, The Paddock, Quarry Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin**
Dwelling house with improvements to existing site entrance, set back of roadside hedge, driveway and landscaping, on site wastewater treatment system in compliance with EPA standards and ancillary works.

*D24B/0474 Grant Permission Decision Date: 16/12/2024*
**Lindsey Joan Gardiner, 12, Cherrington Drive, Shankill, Dublin 18**
Planning permission for the development of erection of a garden shed of floor area c. 2sqm and height up to 2.1m within the back garden.

*D24A/1034/WEB Declare Application Invalid Decision Date: 03/01/2025*
**Charton Homes Limited, Site 5, located within the grounds of Shankhill House, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Dublin 18**
Alterations to the previously approved plans & elevations of Housetype 5 (Planning Ref: D15A/0403/E) and all ancillary works.
*D24B/0484 Grant Permission Decision Date: 08/01/2025*

**Carla Cash & Anthony Cahill, 27, Mountain View, Crinken Glen, Shankill, D18E0V6**
Single storey pitched roof bedroom extension to the front, rain canopy over new front door, single storey flat roof TV room/utility extension to rear and pitched roof dormer type light-well roof window to side of existing roof and all associated site works.

*D24B/0492 Grant Permission Decision Date: 08/01/2025*
**Jason McGrane, 166, Corbawn Wood, Shankill, D18P589**
The development will consist of 1. Demolition of rear extension roof and extension gable wall 2. New single storey extension to side and rear with parapet roof. 3. Replace bay window to front with new window 4. New window to gable ground floor. 5. New porch to front with stone cladding and parapet roof. 6. Associated drainage connections.

**APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA**

*D24A/0796/WEB 1st Party Appeal against Refusal of Permission Date: 03/10/2024*
**Grace O'Rourke & Darren McKenna, Bramley House, Cherrywood Road, Shankill, D18W9R7**
Development comprising construction of a single storey detached 2/3 bed dwelling (approx 91.0m2 gross internal area) including new access to Cherrywood Park & driveway/car parking space for 2 cars, new service & drainage connections, and associated site development works, on site comprising 0.040 hectares (approx 400m2) in existing rear garden
Council Decision: Refuse permission Appeal Lodged: 19/12/2024

**APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA,**

*D23A/0351 Refuse Permission Decided: 03/12/2024*
*Council Decision: Refuse permission*
**Auro Naes Ltd., Shanganagh Cottage, Dublin Road, Shankill, Dublin 18**
The demolition of an existing house and garage and the erection of a detached building containing 16 units in up to 4 levels of residential accommodation (including floorspace within part of the attic area) providing eight own-door apartments at ground level, each of which would contain two bedrooms and ancillary living / kitchen / dining / storage and bathroom accommodation, four own-door two-storey duplex units on the second and third floors, each of which would contain three-bedrooms along with ancillary living / kitchen / dining / storage and bathroom accommodation and four own-door dwelling units containing three storeys (on the second to fourth floors, including the attic, where they would be served by rooflights), each of which would contain four bedrooms as well as ancillary living / kitchen / dining / storage space and wardrobe / bathroom accommodation. The development includes the closure of an existing vehicular access to the site and the creation of a new replacement entrance, alterations to the front boundary wall, the provision of communal open areas for recreational purposes within the site including a children's playground and the creation of private open spaces in the nature of ground level patios and elevated terraces/balconies, the creation of sixteen car parking spaces off a new driveway along with a turning area, the provision of a refuse storage receptable and a bicycle storage facility. The application also incorporates a pedestrian gate which would connect this proposal with the residential development to its immediate east, along with connections to existing water supply, stormwater and wastewater services, along with all other site works including landscaping.

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